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Dependent Claims

The argument and evidence set forth above is equally applicable here. Since the

independent Claim 8 is allowable, then the dependent Claims 9-11 and 14-15 must also

be allowable. If an independent claim is nonobvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103, then any

claim depending therefrom is nonobvious. In re Fine, 837 F.2d 1071, 5 U.S.P.Q. 2d

1596 (Fed. Cir. 1988).

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be

withdrawn and it is respectfully asserted that the claims are now in condition for

allowance.

Request for Allowance

It is believed that this Amendment places the above-identified patent application

into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this Amendment is

earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of

this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number

indicated below.

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16. A two-piece smoking pipe vaporization chamber with directed heat intake comprising in combination:

a lower chamber member having a bowl portion formed therein to hold materials from which vapor is to be extracted, said bowl portion communicating with a vapor intake conduit at a vapor intake orifice thereof disposed below said bowl portion, said vapor intake conduit adapted to mate with a smoking pipe conduit;

a lower screen member disposed in said bowl portion of said lower chamber member over said vapor intake orifice;

an upper chamber member adapted to mate with said lower chamber portion in a substantially air-tight manner to form a vaporization chamber, said upper chamber member including a generally-conical-shaped heat intake conduit communicating therewith and having a heat intake orifice at a distal end thereof and adapted to accept output from a heat source; and

at least one heated intake air turbulence member disposed between said heat intake orifice and said vapor intake orifice.